

Schorr and That Government Job

Washington

A White House official said yesterday CBS correspondent Daniel Schorr was under consideration last year to be assistant to the chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality.

The official told the Washington Post that Schorr's name was considered for the position by Frederic V. Malek, chief White House recruiter, and that his discussion of Schorr's name with aides caused the FBI investigation of the correspondent.

Schorr is scheduled to testify today at the opening of hearings called by Senator Sam J. Ervin (Dem-N.C.), on press freedoms. Ervin is chairman of a Senate constitutional rights subcommittee.

"My mind is open on

whether there was a job," Schorr said yesterday when informed of the White House official's comment.

"That is not the issue. The issue is whether the administration should have the FBI investigate anyone not accused of a crime without his consent."

Schorr said he had heard nothing about a job offer or the nature of the job from the time the FBI first began investigating him last August to the present.

After the news broke that the correspondent was under investigation, his name was dropped from consideration. Since then other well known TV newsmen have been interviewed in connection with the job, the official said. He declined to give their names, but he said the job had not

been filled.

The FBI investigation of Schorr brought accusations that the administration was seeking to intimidate Schorr, who had been critical of the administration policy on a number of occasions.

Schorr had never been told he was under consideration for a job and had not sought one. He said in November, when news of the investiga-

tion broke, that he did not believe there was a job to be offered.

The official who gave the Post the information yesterday said that Schorr had been considered because of his prominence and experience as a TV newsmen, and because he had done important work in the environmental area.

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